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1. THE MISSION NOTICED AN ARTICLE IN THE GUARDIAN OF JULY 8 ENTITLED QTE INDUSTRY ACCUSES EEC NATIONS OF UNFAIR CONTRACTS UNQTE WHICH DESCRIBES THE UNHAPPINESS OF THE BRITISH ENGINEERING INDUSTRY WITH THE EC ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE THE EXPERIENCE OF THE FEDERATION OF CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS IS THAT THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES HAD ADVERTISED 2,500 CONTRACTS UNDER THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTIVE WHILE THE GERMANS HAD ADVERTISED ONLY 800, THE FRENCH EVEN LESS AND THE ITALIANS

ONLY 3. THE ARTICLE CORRECTLY POINTED OUT THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WAS TAKEN TO THE EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE TO BE MADE TO CONFORM TO THE DIRECTIVE.

2. THE ENGINEERS FEDERATION SAID THAT IF THE EEC COUNTRIES APPLY THE SAME ATTITUDE TO THE NEW DIRECTIVE, BRITISH MANUFACTURERS WOULD

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BE SYSTEMATICALLY TAKEN TO THE CLEANERS. ACCORDING TO THE

ARTICLE, BRITISH INDUSTRIALISTS ARE PRESSING THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE EEC TO ADD A CLAUSE TO BOTH DIRECTIVES TO SHOW WHERE THE CONTRACTS WERE EVENTUALLY AWARDED SO THAT UNFAIR COMPETITION CAN BE SPOTTED. THE ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT THE EC COUNTRIES HAVE IN THE PAST REFUSED TO MAKE IT OBLIGATORY FOR COUNTRIES TO BE REQUIRED TO REVEAL WHICH FIRMS HAD EVENTUALLY BEEN AWARDED CONTRACTS AND ACCUSES FRANCE OF HAVING THREATENED TO OPPOSE THE 1971 DIRECTIVE IF SUCH A CLAUSE WERE ADDED.

3. COMMENT: THIS ARTICLE SUGGESTS THAT AT LEAST THE INDUSTRY OF ONE MAJOR COUNTRY WITHIN THE EC IS AS CONCERNED AS WE ARE ABOUT THE TYPE OF TRANSPARENCY WE ARE LOOKING FOR IN THE DRAFT OECD. IT MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE TO FOLLOW UP WITH THE BRITISH INDUSTRY TO SEE IF THEY WOULD SUPPORT OUR POSITION. END COMMENT.
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